

F.L.A.M.E. YOUNG THEATRE PLAYERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1176467

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2018-01-02

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROMOTION OF THE ARTS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE ART OF DRAMA.

Activities: Our projects aim to stimulate behavioural and attitudinal changes in disadvantaged children/young people 5 to 25 years old living in Islington at risk, vulnerable to negative peer pressure, NEET
Activity: creative writing, drama, music, contemporary dance, street, creative cultural dance, drumming, informal counselling. Our classes run 1-2 days per week at St. Mary's Youth Centre in Islington.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Torfaen
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£9,737	£9,730	-	-
2024-08-31	£3,477	£3,477	-	-
2023-08-31	£10,530	£10,484	-	-
2022-08-31	£10,535	£10,485	-	-
2021-08-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LEE FONTAINE	Chair	2017-12-06
ANGELA FAYE BUCHANAN		2017-12-06

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**REPORT FROM
TRUSTEES
Sept -24 -Aug-25**

Once again, our project has another new home after the closure of Montem Primary School, which was quite a blow after building relationships with the children, parents and teachers, working with a multicultural group mixed with educational challenges “ SEN” the workshop leaders and volunteers accomplish a great job at Montem and excelled in their skills as this was a great preparation moving forward to Pakeman Primary School.

In September we started at Pakeman School by doing half hour “tasters’ workshops”, using an extra hour getting to know the children, teachers, parents and liaise with the “Child and family /Food Education Leader.” Who gave us a break down of the children and their needs which is so important for the group to be aware of.

The Registration of beneficiaries’ outcome “good” we had 20 students to start our classes in October: 7 of which has “SEN.” The Classes was so popular before half term numbers went up to 35: age 5- 11yrs due to the numbers we had to get extra volunteers, close intake: while others go on the waiting list.

Movement ‘n’ Culture continues at Pakeman School the students within the classes speak for itself, multicultural enhance the blend for our project at hand bringing the

different culture in movement, interacting, showing respect, learning and creating with each other.

Achievements'

Our achievement this year was being able to recover from the closure of Montem without any set back. This was successful, now we are building new relationships with new students, parents and teachers as we welcome new committee members from Pakeman School.

A fantastic performance was delivered for the community by the students at Pakeman School and students from the Old Fire Station together they delivered a great cultural show filled with mixtures of dance, drama, songs and poems written by the students whom also worked on the choreography with the workshop leaders, which consist of English, Caribbean, Somalian, Eritrean and Spanish.

Congratulations to our workshop leaders, volunteers, parents and committee members who worked so hard and made this happen.

Feed Back from Parents, Students and Teachers

Students Voices: We are happy with our classes and mixture of cultural movements, it is really great to learn different styles and create something different, it's fun and we love the way the tutors work with us helping us to develop our skills and confidence.

Parents: we cannot believe, how much their child/ren enjoy coming, they show positive behaviour, express emotions and so much more confident within themselves safely engaged.

Teachers: The children have striven, especially children with "SEN" absolutely brilliant, the best thing that happened to the school.

Overall Summary

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players have done exceptionally well in 2025,

After getting the news re: closure of Montem we act quickly to secure another after school project with great success. We have managed to move forward with very little challenge as our students were eager to learn, create and excel in all areas taught within our project most importantly their voices were heard we make decisions together, they talk we listen, we talk they listen and we implement outcomes accordingly, as one of our students wrote: "I love Flame project, we get the chance to speak and they act on our voice, they make you feel welcome and safe, they give us choices, And they don't judge us". This 8-year-old said it all.

We are settled within these two places; we hope there will be no more surprises as we continue to build our name within this community.

Lastly parents asked about a male tutor which may encourage more boys to join the project. As discussed in our last meeting we have got a male tutor, however due to funds we can only use him twice or once a month according to availability.

Finance

Report from Treasurer our financial status has improved with the grant from

"Awards for all" and the 'Parents Fundraising Group' we pulled through the year leaving a small "deficit." Continuous funding raising throughout the year makes a big difference and provides extra funds as the grant does not always cover

the Budget. Meeting with the Committee and Trustees, agreement to draft a 2 monthly plan with the fundraising group

The outcome will be emailed to members.

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players, Committee and Trustees Would like to give a special thanks to the workshop leaders, administrator, volunteers, parents for all their support and hard work they have put into the project. Past students, children/young people for the interest shown, their commitment, without them the project would not happen. The Parents funding group, a big special “thank you” you have done a tremendous job this year.

Lastly Two of our Long-standing Staffs will be leaving us in 2026: they have been with F.L.A.M.E from 2010 deserving a special gift of service, assistance, support and aid, they were Committed, passionate and fulfil their role.

Most importantly Our Funder “**Awards for All**” Who really helped without their funds the project would not continue.

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Sept-23 - Aug 24

October 2023 is a year since we have been running our project in our new home.

We were faced with challenges' but as stated in our last report running workshops in the Schools promoting F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players within our new community was the key, which proved to be a success. By doing so we got the opportunity to start classes at Montem Primary School in September, however we did not start the classes until October of 2023.

The Committee decision was to use September to do extra promotion within Montem School.

The classes at Montem School started off with 25 students, which quickly went up to 30 after the first week.

This was a great start, a breakthrough as this gave F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players the platform to open doors, meet new potential committee members, parents, students and their teachers' great asset in the learning process. When we moved to our new home we were struggling with numbers due to distance of travel with our former students in Upper Street.

Now we can proudly say we have a waiting list.

The students are multicultural which coincides with our project giving the chance to really explore, teach, learn and interacting with not only the children but also with their parents.

Learning about the different cultural activities and implementing these movements, music, songs, and poems within our classes: which is all about sharing, learning and working with other cultures.

Achievements

Our achievement this year through hard work, dedication and promotion went very well as our classes strive at Montem with the perfect age group, which helped with the development of attendance and growth in numbers at

the Old Fire Station. Congrats to all of F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players old and new comers for delivering a fantastic performance for the community.

Our Showcase performance was held at Montem School that went down very well with the audience, as they sat and enjoyed the cultural mix.

Feed Back from Parents and Students;

Students report back that they are very happy with the development so far as they too can see the improvement and they enjoy working with the workshop leaders helping with promotion and working with F.L.A.M.E new intake of students.

Parents are extremely happy with their children input and enjoy the performance of their children and others.

However the parents are still concern about the development of the parent's classes as the number has only risen by one, but they are still willing to continue promotion. The main concern Students and Parents have now is the **News "Closure of Montem School"** which we only recently found out about.

Overall Summary

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players have done extremely well throughout 2024 we had a target and we accomplish it which was getting back the numbers in our classes, getting to know the community we are working in.

There is still more work to be done, and challenges to face but we will pull through. The Closure of Montem School is a hard blow for us as we did a lot of work there within a short space of time, with the parent's aid, teachers, parents and students; some of our students there were "autistic" which was a new development that worked as all 5 were very focus, enjoyed the classes and performed in the show case. Plus one of our members has experience working with children who are autistic.

This closure has caused us a loss of students once again as most of the parents moved there children to Schools

out of borough although a few were able to get into local Schools.

After the Summer Holidays we will approach and build relationships with the other Schools, we have already been in contact with Pakemon School, who had already stressed interest in our classes from previous workshops.

Finance;

Report from Treasurer is our financial status is very poor as we only manage to secure a small grant from "Cripplegate"

However our fund raising went extremely well this year, which brought the Budget up a little. Decision was to take actionable steps meeting with the trustees and chair, which had a positive outcome of agreement to a reduced fee all round as everyone was willing to compromise with our offer "Volunteer" extra time and F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players survive the year.

Development process: we now need to look at building a fundraiser group to concentrate solely on raising funds and sending out more application for funds.

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players would like to thank all our workshops leaders, coordinator, volunteers, administrator,

Parents and Committee members for always giving their utmost support to the Project; the children/young people who show interest and collaborate in making this project happen.

A Special thanks to all the parents who helped with fundraising.

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REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Sept 22 -Aug 23

Project: Movement 'n' Culture 2

October 2022 we finally moved into our new home

The Old Fire Station. We are still in Islington as stated in our last report, however the difference we face is the community, like we have always discuss there are two Islington part which is wealthy excels financial growth very plush and the other side which is very poor. We are now just outside the wealthier part of Islington where some of our children/young people are from a poorer background some struggling on benefits.

F.L.A.M.E will embrace this opportunity in the community as the setting totally relates to our project at hand giving us the chance to explore create as we move forward.

Our new venue is based in the middle of three Primary Schools, which will be our main target of development, Montem, Pakemon and Grafton. These schools are multicultural, filled with different ethnic backgrounds and language.

Our classes currently has a Brazilian tutor, a Capoeiro tutor dance of African origin and martial arts which will help to encourage students from that cultural background to engage in our projects.

F.L.A.M.E Development process is working very slowly we have managed to bring more children in but at the same time our other children from St. Mary's seem to be struggling with attendance due to distance of travel. Parents are finding it very difficult to get the children to the classes on time, the chance is we will loose and then hopefully gain.

Outcome regarding our students is to extend the classes for an extra hour to accommodate the late arrivals. This was agreed after meeting with parents especially for the children who are interested to still attend.

Two parents from the committee have volunteered to set up meetings with the Schools and sort out workshops so that Students and Tutors can demonstrate and talk about our project to parents and children within this community.

Report back from committee members.

They have managed to speak with the Parents Team, who will be contacting F.L.A.M.E with available dates for workshops. However Montem School has invited F.L.A.M.E to their cultural event to give out flyers and speak to parents before workshop date is set.

Outcome and Feedback Re: Workshops.

The workshops are going very well in the schools; event at Montem School and the workshops went extremely well the class there was filled with 20 children, but we will have to do another session as more children were signed up for the session but only 20 was allowed to attend.

Also Montem School is looking at offering a day after School for class.

Achievements

Our achievements this year was quite challenging as F.L.A.M.E. was working in a new community setting getting to know and learn about the community the needs and wants of the community and how we can best provide for the young people within this community.

We still have loads of work to do challenges to face but the greatest achievement so far is actually managing to get an extra space in Montem School teaching the children.

However we will not look past the event "The Performance at Islington Town Hall. F.L.A.M.E. Young Theater Players opened the show with a Bang, the drumming, the dancing, was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and made its way to a picture in the Islington Gazette.

Congrats to the Tutors and the children who performed that evening?

You all did a brilliant show.

Feed Back from Parents and Students;

The evening sessions parent group is going very well and they do want to continue the classes although numbers fell to 7 near the end of term. They want to continue and build it back up and they are more than willing to keep promoting it as long as Rochelle will be there teaching.

Students report back although we did not get to our target number for class as planned that they felt this year was a learning curve for them. By listening, watching doing and understanding what it means to actually re: build a project through the eyes of a community.

Overall Summary.

We have done very well throughout 2023 the year was all about building in a new community, Introducing F.L.A.M.E. Young Theatre Players.

Which we have partly achieved but still have more work to do.

In September we will be running a classes at Montem School where we have 25 Students waiting to start which is a great achievement especially since the pandemic groups are really struggling to get back to where they were. Lastly we will continue doing workshops frequently at least 2 per term.

Finance;

Report from Treasurer is our financial status is good especially for such small community group; we stayed within Budget. Our Public funds has improved a little and with a reduction from the new space we were able to cover our insurance and have a small Deficit.

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players would like to thank all our workshops leaders, coordinator, volunteers, admin staff. Parents and Committee members for all the support and work they have put into

the Project; and most of all the children/ young people for the hard work and interest they put into F.L.A.M.E.

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Report from Trustees Sept 2021-2022 Aug

Project:

Movement 'n' Culture

We finally manage to start our Project after a long stand still with Covid, which had an impact on our classes. Our return to face-to-face classes was very disappointing as there was a vast drop in our numbers we started back our session with six students, after advertising, handing out flyers and most of all word of mouth by our parents. By December our classes improved from 6 to 15 with an adjoining group of eight Parents whom requested classes for themselves.

F.L.A.M.E still has a long way to go to rebuild numbers although we have 15 students and eight parents age 25 -35 the core is children and young people. The group of 15 students are not consistent, attendance is fair but we need to have a solid group of 15- 20 with regular attendance of at least 10-12 students.

Other ways for development:

Parents suggestion: still to use word of mouth and hand out leaflets in their children's School and also speak with the head Mistress/ Master asking for a meetings with F.L.A.M.E

Plan and advertise workshops at our venue at least once a month. Visit the Schools request to run maybe a weekend Workshop for children in Primary and secondary Schools for young people.

We agreed to concentrate on the Primary and Secondary Schools, as they are the age of concern, especially Primary School age. At this particular age the children show more interest and willing to learn and explore their identity, like and dislikes. Secondary Young people make choices and have a tendency to follow suit with peers and can be

indecisive therefore workshops in their School are the best advertisement.

End Of Project

Due to finance, we had a choice of performance or workshop, it was voted in for a workshop to pull an audience of interest who will participate, and give us a chance to recruit more students for our next project.

Our Workshop was launch at the end of project. Invites went out on line, Instagram, Schools and colleges. The day was spent with four different cultures: Brazilian's, Ghanaian's, Scottish and Caribbean's.

Workshop day was very successful as all the cultures interact by sharing and exchanging movements, songs, poems and so on.

We had hope to get more cultural input on the day, however the turn out of the four cultures bringing in 30 student who participate made the event a memorable one.

Changes

October 2022 we will be changing venue due to cost, our projects can no longer continue at St. Mary's there will be an increase in hiring the hall, which does not meet our financial status, we have found a new venue at The Old Fire Station, 84 Mayton Street and still Islington based.

Achievements

Our achievement was based on rebuilding our numbers and interacting with different cultures. Although we did not have a stage performance representing **“Movement ‘n’ Culture”** The workshop worked very well and it gave all who attend a chance to really work together as a team, where as a performance would not have given us the chance to communicate, share and learn about each others culture. We also managed to recruit some students.

Feedback From Parents and Students

Parents want us to continue the parent exercise and dance group they said it gives all parents a chance to build their confidence and get some exercise for themselves and interact more with parents in F.L.A.M.E. The Tutors totally agree and cannot wait to continue that session.

The students cannot wait to do a show they missed performing, but they also enjoyed the workshop and suggested that maybe we can do both a show and a workshop at the end of all project.

Workshops are great and we should really have it on our agenda

For future development, at least plan to have one during in holidays so termly workshop would be one to look into.

Finance

Report from Treasurer is our fiancé is good we manage to get funding for the year, but our usual intake from public funding was very poor.

However coming out of the pandemic has proved to be difficult, because the public is struggling too, but we hope to achieve better public donation in the future.

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Report from Trustees 2020-2021

As stated in our last report 2020: the year 2020 started out well for F.L.A.M.E This was the year we were to celebrate 10 years of service.

Project Titled:

Movement 'n' Culture.

Unfortunately due to covid-19 we had to adjust and find ways to deal with our students. Classes were delivered online, mentoring for students and parents, encouragement and support for home- Schooling. This helped us to maintain relationships and connect with our students throughout 2020 to 2021 as our focus lead to more creative outcomes. Our usual sessions creative writing, music, dance and art. Newly implemented extra help with English and Math's supporting parents whom requested this support for their children.

It was stated that our project would be delivered in 2021 September with the hope that lock down would be lifted.

Achievements

Our achievements during such time were working closely with four students whom we worked closely with developing their business plan, which is now up and running successfully. Shay-Joinery is doing very well, however Pure Talent is in the process of changing the name and looking at new development within Secondary Schools and University.

Feedback Parents and Students.

Parents and students sent a big thank you for the support they received during the Pandemic and looking forward to a new beginning.

Finance

Due to covid 19, lock down this caused a big impact on raising funds, we did not apply for any grant during this pandemic as the committee and trustees did not know how long it would last. There were no positive decisions from the government during such time as to when lockdown would be lifted. We were given dates to restart only to disappoint our students on each occasion.

Finance was an issue, but we still continued as all workshops leaders and other volunteers decided to continue support with students and parents on line regardless of our current situation because working with the less fortunate and their well being was more important than funds.

In 2021 once lockdown was lifted we applied for funds to enable the restart of our project for 2021 Sept, Knowing the impact will be a struggle but we have to aim to rebuild.

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Would like to say “**Big Thank You**” to all our members, volunteers and workshop leaders for all the support they have given throughout the pandemic. Further more they are still supporting and helping us to rebuild our group.

Treasurer: Miss Angela Buchanan